

Application No. 10/718,884
Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

R E M A R K S

Consideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

RE: THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-32 have been amended to correct some minor informalities of which the undersigned has become aware, including some minor grammatical errors, so as to put them in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

In addition, new claims 33 and 34 have been added based on, for example, Fig. 4.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claims 1-32 and the addition of new claims 33 and 34 be approved and entered.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that the amendments to the claims are not related to patentability, and do not narrow the scope of the claims either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

RE: ELECTION OF SPECIES

Applicants hereby elect Species a, Fig. 4, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

Claims 1-14, 19-26 and 29-34 are readable on elected Species a (Fig. 4).

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CLAIM FEE

The application was originally filed with 62 claims (including multiple dependencies) of which 10 were independent, and the appropriate claim fee was paid for such claims. The application now contains 64 claims, of which 12 are independent. Accordingly, a claim fee in the amount of \$500.00 for the addition of 2 extra independent claims and 2 extra claims in total is attached hereto. In addition, authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees which may be determined to be required to Account No. 06-1378.

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Upon allowance of a generic claim, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner also consider claims directed to non-elected Species, which depend from or otherwise include the subject matter of an allowable generic claim.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

And it is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the amendments and election set forth above.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the

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undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt
action.

Respectfully submitted,

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